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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION OF QUAI'S DIRECTORATE OF AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS

1. THE QUAI HAS FINALLY CARRIED OUT A LONG, CONTEM-  
PLATED REORGANIZATION OF ITS AFRICAN DIRECTORATE.  
THE DIRECTORATE HAD BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO DEPUTY  
DIRECTORATES, ONE FOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICA (WITH THE  
FORMER FRENCH COLONIES AS ITS CORE) AND ANOTHER FOR  
THE REST OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. WHILE THIS DIVISION  
MAY HAVE MADE SOME SENSE IN THE EARLY POST-COLONIAL  
PERIOD, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CUMBERSOME AND ILLOGICAL  
AS FRANCE'S RELATIONS WITH ITS FORMER COLONIES EVOLVED  
IN NEW DIRECTIONS AND INTEREST IN THE REST OF AFRICA  
INCREASED.

2. THE AFRICAN DIRECTORATE NOW HAS THREE DEPUTY  
DIRECTORATES. (GUY GEORGY CONTINUES AS DIRECTOR AND  
CLAUDE HAREL AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR); FIRST DEPUTY  
DIRECTORATE: WEST AFRICA, HEADED BY CHRISTIAN DUTHEIL  
DE LA ROCHERE (FORMERLY DEPUTY FOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICA);  
SECOND DEPUTY DIRECTORATE: SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDIAN  
OCEAN, HEADED BY JEAN GUEGUINOU (FORMERLY DEPUTY FOR  
NON-FRANCOPHONE AFRICA); THIRD DEPUTY DIRECTORATE:  
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CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA, HEADED BY (MRS.) MARIE CLAUDE  
CASANA.

3. THE AFRICAN DIRECTORATE HAS BEEN NOTED FOR THE  
COMPETENT PROFESSIONALISM OF ITS SENIOR STAFF. THE  
REORGANIZATION BRINGS WITH IT A SLIGHT INCREASE IN  
PERSONNEL. WE THINK IT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE

FUNCTIONING OF THE DIRECTORATE.

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